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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY OFFICE
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Privacy Office

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Mr. Michael Best
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DEPT MR 56264
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, Massachusetts 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Best:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of September 23, 2016, to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), for records pertaining to a Ilona Marita Lorenz, and her purported involvement in an assassination attempt on the life of Fidel Castro. On August 30, 2018, the FBI forwarded your request to the Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G1 (DA G1). The DA G1 forwarded your request and responsive records to this office, and they were received on September 6, 2018.

Since additional time is needed to review and coordinate the records, we are unable to comply with the statutory 20-day time limit in processing your request. Therefore, you may consider this delay an administrative denial of your request. You are not required to provide any correspondence regarding this delay as we will continue processing your request. You will receive an additional response upon completion of our coordination. Your agreement to waive the statutory time limit does not prejudice your right to appeal any releasability decision after it is made.

This denial is made on behalf of Major General Gary W. Johnston, Commander, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You may appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to this office. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter (excepting Saturdays, Sundays and legal public holidays). The mailing address is:

Commander
U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command
Freedom of Information/Privacy Office
(APPEAL)
2600 Ernie Pyle Street, Room 3S02-B
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If you have any questions regarding this action, feel free to contact this office at 1-866-548-5651, or email the INSCOM FOIA office at: usarmy.meade.902-mi-grp.mbx.inscom-foia-service-center@mail.mil and refer to case #1217F-18. Please note that you now have the ability to check the status of your request online via the U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency (RMDA) website: <https://www.foia.army.mil/FACTS/CaseStatus.aspx>. Please refer to FOIA Control Number: FP-18-029017. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Mrs. Joanne Benear, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at 301-677-7856. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll tree at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. T. Heaton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael T. Heaton
Director

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